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CHINA
General *LIU* Huaqing
September 1994



(CIA) 1988

(CIA) NAME: General *Liu* (pronounced lecyo) Huaqing (0491/5478/3237), People's Liberation Army (PLA).

(CIA) POSITION: Vice Chairman of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Military Commission (MC) since November 1989, Political Bureau Standing Committee member since October 1992, and elected Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC) of the People's Republic of China on 28 March 1993.

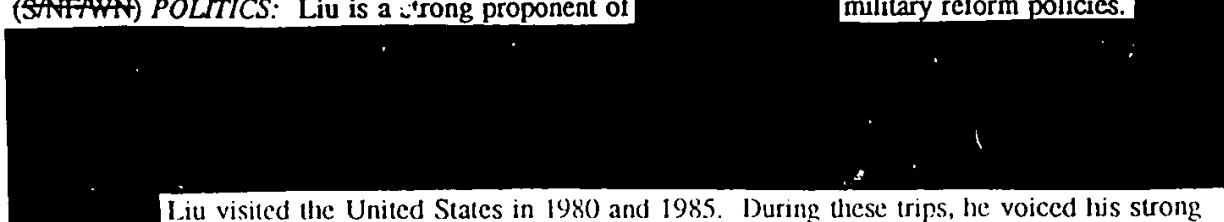
(S/NF/WM) SIGNIFICANCE: As the senior-most PLA officer on the party's powerful MC (the highest source of formal military authority in China) and the only military representative on the CPC's highest decisionmaking organ (the seven-member Standing Committee of the Political Bureau), [REDACTED] The PLA's preeminent expert on military-related research and development, technology acquisition, and equipment modernization, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the primary spokesman for military modernization within the PLA.

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(S/NF/WM) POLITICS: Liu is a strong proponent of [REDACTED] military reform policies. [REDACTED]



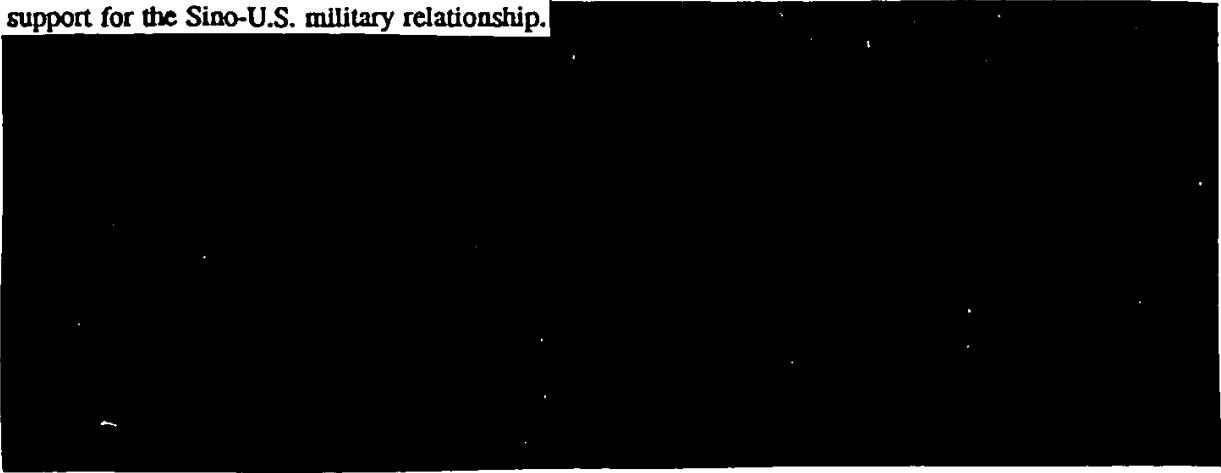
[REDACTED] Liu visited the United States in 1980 and 1985. During these trips, he voiced his strong

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support for the Sino-U.S. military relationship.



~~(S/NF) PERSONAL:~~ Liu was born [REDACTED] in October or November 1916 in Dawu County, Hubei Province. He is approximately 5'8" tall and weighs about 140 lb.



Liu's decorations include the Order of "August 1," Second Class; the Order of Independence and Freedom, Second Class; and the Order of Liberation, Second Class.

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~~(S/NF) CAREER:~~

1929-35 - Liu joined the Communist Youth League of China in 1929 and served as Secretary of Huangan Central County Committee, Youth Communist League, between 1930-31. He joined the Red Army in approximately 1931. From 1932 to 1934, Liu served as a section chief in East Hubei Guerrilla Force Headquarters, and, from 1934 to 1935, he was a section chief in the Political Department of the 25th Army. Liu became a section chief in the Regiment Department of Counterenemy Work, 15th Army. Also in October 1935, Liu became a party member and participated in the Long March as part of the 4th Front Army.

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1935-45 - Liu served as Chief of the Confidential Work Section, 31st Corps (1937), and participated in the War of Resistance against Japan (1937-45). During the War of Resistance, Liu was made Chief of the Propaganda and Education Section at the Headquarters of the 129th Division of the 8th Route Army (1937-39). While there, he served under Liu Bocheng and Deng Xiaoping. He served as Director of the Organization Department for South Hebei and Hebei-Shandong-Henan Border Region Military Commands between 1941-45. Toward the end of the war, he had already been promoted to Military Subarea Deputy Political Commissar of Hebei-Shandong-Henan Military Command.

1946-49 - During the Chinese civil war (1945-49), Liu served as Brigade Political Commissar of Shanxi-Hebei-Shandong-Henan Military Area Command, which was headed by Deng Xiaoping from 1945 to 1949. In 1947, he became Director of the 11th Corps Political Department, 3d Army, 2d Field Army. Liu rendered outstanding service in the Shandong, Handan, Huai-Hai, and Southwest Campaigns and campaigns into the Dabie Mountains and crossing the Yangtse River.

1950-59 - [REDACTED] He successfully served as Director of the Political Department, Military and Political University, Southwest Military Area Command (1950-51), as Deputy Corps Political Commissar (1951-52) and Vice President of the First Naval Academy (1952-53), and, concurrently, as its Deputy Political Commissar (1953-54). Liu attended the Russian Voroshilov Naval Academy from 1954 to 1958. In 1955, he was promoted to rear admiral (major general). Upon his return to China in 1958, Liu became Deputy Commander of the Lushun Navy Base.

1960-69 - Liu was selected to be the North China Sea (previously named Beihai) Fleet Deputy Commander while concurrently base commander from 1960-61. He became the Director of the 7th Research Institute, Ministry of National Defense (1961-65); Vice Minister of the 6th Ministry of Machine Building Industry (1965-66); and Vice Minister of Commission of Science, Technology, and Industry for National Defense (COSTIND) (1966-70).

1970-79 - From 1970-1975, Liu served as the Deputy Chief of Staff of the PLA Navy. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] From November 1975 until 1978, he was assigned to the Chinese Academy of Sciences, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] By 1978, Liu was again Deputy Director of COSTIND. He served as Assistant to the Chief of the General Staff under then-Chief of the General Staff Deng Xiaoping from 1979 to 1980. [REDACTED]
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1980-92

[REDACTED] By February

1980, Liu was promoted to Deputy Chief of the General Staff. His appointment to Navy Commander came in October 1982, the same year he was elected into the CPC Central Committee. In September 1985, he retired from the CPC Central Committee and became a member of the party's now-defunct Central Advisory Committee – an influential body of semiretired officials. [REDACTED] Liu visited the United States as a guest of the U.S. Chief of Naval Operations and the Secretary of the Navy (11-23 November 1985). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Liu was promoted to the national level in November 1987, when he was appointed one of two Deputy Secretaries General of the Military Commission. He was promoted to the rank of general in April 1988 and assumed the post of MC Vice Chairman in 1989. He was made the senior of two MC Vice Chairmen in October 1992, the same time as his promotion to the party's Political Bureau Standing Committee.

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